

(6) USE OF PROCEEDS.—Proceeds of sales of land under this Act shall be deposited as miscellaneous funds in the Treasury and such funds shall be made available, subject to appropriations, to the State for the establishment of a trust fund to pay the county taxes on the lands received by the State Department of Game, Fish, and Parks under the bill.

(e) CONVEYANCE OF NONPREFERENTIAL LEASE PARCELS AND UNLEASED PARCELS.—

(1) CONVEYANCE BY SECRETARY TO STATE.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 1 year after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall convey to the South Dakota Department of Game, Fish, and Parks the nonpreferential lease parcels and unleased parcels of the Blunt Reservoir and Pierre Canal.

(B) WILDLIFE HABITAT MITIGATION.—Land conveyed under subparagraph (A) shall be used by the South Dakota Department of Game, Fish, and Parks for the purpose of mitigating the wildlife habitat that was lost as a result of the development of the Pick-Sloan project.

(2) LAND EXCHANGES FOR NONPREFERENTIAL LEASE PARCELS AND UNLEASED PARCELS.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—With the concurrence of the South Dakota Department of Game, Fish, and Parks, the South Dakota Commission of Schools and Public Lands may allow a person to exchange land that the person owns elsewhere in the State for a nonpreferential lease parcel or unleased parcel at Blunt Reservoir or Pierre Canal, as the case may be.

(B) PRIORITY.—The right to exchange nonpreferential lease parcels or unleased parcels shall be granted in the following order or priority:

(i) Exchanges with current lessees for nonpreferential lease parcels.

(ii) Exchanges with adjoining and adjacent landowners for unleased parcels and nonpreferential lease parcels not exchanged by current lessees.

(C) EASEMENT FOR WATER CONVEYANCE STRUCTURE.—As a condition of the exchange of land of the Pierre Canal Feature under this paragraph, the United States reserves a perpetual easement to the land to allow for the right to design, construct, operate, maintain, repair, and replace a pipeline or other water conveyance structure over, under, across, or through the Pierre Canal feature.

(f) RELEASE FROM LIABILITY.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Effective on the date of conveyance of any parcel under this Act, the United States shall not be held liable by any court for damages of any kind arising out of any act, omission, or occurrence relating to the parcel, except for damages for acts of negligence committed by the United States or by an employee, agent, or contractor of the United States, before the date of conveyance.

(2) NO ADDITIONAL LIABILITY.—Nothing in this section adds to any liability that the United States may have under chapter 171 of title 28, United States Code (commonly known as the "Federal Tort Claims Act").

(g) REQUIREMENTS CONCERNING CONVEYANCE OF LEASE PARCELS.—

(1) INTERIM REQUIREMENTS.—During the period beginning on the date of enactment of this Act and ending on the date of conveyance of the parcel, the Secretary shall continue to lease each preferential lease parcel or nonpreferential lease parcel to be conveyed under this section under the terms and conditions applicable to the parcel on the date of enactment of this Act.

(2) PROVISION OF PARCEL DESCRIPTIONS.—Not later than 180 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall provide the State a full legal description of all preferential lease parcels and nonpref-

erential lease parcels that may be conveyed under this section.

(h) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is authorized to be appropriated to carry out this Act \$750,000 to reimburse the Secretary for expenses incurred in implementing this Act, and such sums as are necessary to reimburse the Commission for expenses incurred implementing this Act, not to exceed 10 percent of the cost of each transaction conducted under this Act.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I wish to state how much I appreciate the cooperation of the ranking member and the chairman of the Energy and Natural Resources Committee. It took a few minutes to do this, but it has taken weeks to get to this point. I express my appreciation to all Senators involved. It was very hard to do.

COMMENDING THE UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA DULUTH BULLDOGS

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of S. Res. 104, submitted earlier today by Senator DAYTON and Senator COLEMAN.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the resolution by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 104) commending the University of Minnesota Duluth Bulldogs for winning the 2002-2003 National Collegiate Athletic Association Division I National Collegiate Women's Ice Hockey Championship.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the resolution.

Mr. DAYTON. Mr. President, I am proud to rise today with my colleague from Minnesota, Senator COLEMAN, to pay tribute to the University of Minnesota Duluth Women's Ice Hockey Team, who just won their third consecutive National Collegiate Athletic Association championship. The Bulldogs defeated an outstanding Harvard team, 4 to 3, in the second sudden-death overtime.

I was once a hockey goalie, back in the days when we used dinosaur bones for goalie sticks. So I have experienced firsthand the incredible intensity and pressure of overtime in hockey. It truly is "sudden death." For the Bulldogs to win their third straight national championship under that pressure, in front of their families, friends, and many fans in Duluth, is an extraordinary achievement.

I congratulate all the players on the University of Minnesota Duluth team, their head coach, Shannon Miller, who has spearheaded this incredibly successful hockey program, and UMD Chancellor Kathryn Martin. They have accomplished more than anyone could have imagined just 3 years ago, and they have made all Minnesotans exceptionally proud of them.

Senator COLEMAN, Representative JIM OBERSTAR, and I have written to President Bush and asked him to invite the team to the White House. Two years ago, after the Bulldogs won their first national championship, I read

that the NCAA men's championship team had been invited to the White House. We asked the President then that the UMD women's team be so honored. The President graciously extended that invitation to the Bulldogs team and personally hosted them at the White House.

Last year, we had the additional thrill of attending a White House ceremony honoring both the men's and women's NCAA hockey champions: the University of Minnesota Duluth women's champions and the University of Minnesota men's champions. Since the Gophers men's team is now in the semifinals of their national tournament, I am hopeful that we will experience that same thrill again this year. Regardless of that outcome, the UMD women's team are again the National Champions. A "Threepeat!" Awesome! Congratulations, Bulldogs!

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the resolution and preamble be agreed to en bloc; that the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, without intervening action or debate; and that any statements relating to the resolution be printed in the RECORD.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The resolution (S. Res. 104) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

The resolution, with its preamble, reads as follows:

S. RES. 104

Whereas on Sunday, March 23, 2003, the two-time defending NCAA National Collegiate Women's Ice Hockey Champions, the University of Minnesota Duluth Bulldogs, won the National Championship for the third straight year;

Whereas Minnesota Duluth defeated Harvard University in double overtime of the championship game by the score of 4-3, having defeated Dartmouth College 5-2 in the semifinal;

Whereas sophomore Nora Tallus scored the game-winning goal in the second overtime, assisted by Erika Holst and Joanne Eustace;

EXECUTIVE SESSION

EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the following nominations on today's Executive Calendar: Calendar Nos. 98, 99, 100, 101, 102, and 104. I further ask unanimous consent that the nominations be confirmed en bloc; that the motions to reconsider be laid upon the table; that the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action; and that the Senate then return to legislative session.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The nominations considered and confirmed en bloc are as follows:

THE JUDICIARY

Joseph Robert Goeke, of Illinois, to be a Judge of the United States Tax Court for a term of fifteen years after he takes office.